

71 Stat. 30.  
36 USC 160.

76 Stat. 69.  
36 USC 166.

the men and women who move goods and people throughout our land, the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 16, 1957, requested the President to proclaim annually the third Friday of May each year as National Defense Transportation Day, and by a joint resolution approved May 14, 1962, requested the President to proclaim annually the week of May in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 21, 1971, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 16, 1971, as National Transportation Week.

During National Transportation Week, I ask that the people of this Nation join with the Department of Transportation and also with State and local officials in reevaluating our goals and reaffirming our commitment to a balanced transportation system for these United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.



## PROCLAMATION 4042

# Earth Week, 1971

April 2, 1971

*By the President of the United States of America*

## A Proclamation

Few concerns facing America and the world today are more compelling than the quality of our physical environment. All that we do, all that we hope to achieve for ourselves, all that we hope to create for our children will go for nothing if the world itself is made unfit to live in. The question of what we do with our environment is a matter of cosmic consequence; there is a limit to how long the matter rests merely with man, and if that limit is exceeded, the success of man as an earth creature may itself be limited by forces he no longer controls.

The earth and its atmosphere are a closed system. They are finite. The good water cannot purify itself indefinitely. The good air cannot cleanse itself endlessly. And the good earth cannot sustain and repair the injustices of man forever. Man must help to put his own earthly house in order.

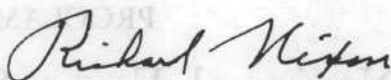
We have made a beginning in this. But we have only begun. Now there must be a conscious, sustained effort by every American and, we

might hope, by every citizen of the world if our posterity are not to look back in sorrow and wonder why, when God had created the earth and seen that it was good, man did not agree and leave it that way.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of April 18 through April 24, 1971, as Earth Week.

I call upon the Governors of the several States to encourage observance of this period and its purposes through appropriate ceremonies and to give special consideration to means of educating our citizens to the preservation of our environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.



## PROCLAMATION 4043

## National Maritime Day, 1971

*By the President of the United States of America*

April 6, 1971

## A Proclamation

A strong American merchant marine is essential to the Nation's economic prosperity and military security.

Under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970, the Nation's maritime industry can and must move forward with the task of rebuilding our merchant marine fleet, improving the competitive position of our shipbuilding industry, and restoring the United States to its rightful proud position in the shipping lanes of the world.

84 Stat. 1018.  
46 USC 1101  
note.

All elements of the maritime industry should utilize the opportunity provided by that Act to develop an American merchant marine fully capable of providing the modern, efficient services which are indispensable both to our foreign commerce and to our security.

To remind Americans of the important role which the merchant marine plays in our national life, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS *Savannah*, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

48 Stat. 73.  
36 USC 145.